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DATE: JULY 6, 1974

SUBJECT: PORTRAYAL OF CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH TO CHINESE PEOPLE

PEOPLE'S DAILY OF JULY 6 CARRIES A FRONTPAGE PHOTO OF
PREMIER CHOU FLANKED BY SENATOR AND MRS. JACKSON; THE SAME
PICTURE IS IN THE JULY 6 WASHINGTON POST. CHOU IS STANDING
AND IS DRESSED IN HIS NORMAL FASHION. HE LOOKS RELATIVELY FIT.

THE CHINESE PEOPLE WERE TOLD YESTERDAY THAT THE JACKSON
MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A HOSPITAL. THEY HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT
CHOU HAS SHARPLY REDUCED HIS CEREMONIAL DUTIES BECAUSE OF AN
UNSPECIFIED ILLNESS. THE NEWS PICTURE, WHICH CONTAINED NO HINT
OF THE HOSPITAL SETTING, SEEMS DESIGNED TO REASSURE THE POPULACE
THAT CHOU'S ILLNESS IS NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM FROM

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